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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS ON OPIUM ISSUE

REFS: A. STATE 031061; B. ANKARA 1142; C. ANKARA 1202

1. WE GOT IN TOUCH WITH SEMIH AKBIL, FOREIGN MINISTRY'S PRESS SPOKESMAN, TO EXPLAIN HOW HE HAD BEEN QUOTED IN US PRESS (REF A). AKBIL CATEGORICALLY DENIED MAKING ANY STATEMENT TO THE PRESS ON THIS ISSUE, OR ON THE MEETING BETWEEN THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND AMBASSADOR, EITHER ON BACKGROUND OR FOR ATTRIBUTION. HE SAID HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ISSUE A DENIAL IF NECESSARY.

2. AKBIL SAID TO US THAT THE ONLY TURK STORY THAT CAME CLOSE TO WHAT FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES ACTUALLY SAID TO PRESS WAS CONTAINED IN ZAFER. ZAFER'S QUOTES OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER WERE VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO THE DIRECT QUOTES MENTIONED IN HURRIYET (REF B), BUT ZAFER, UNLIKE HURRIYET, DID NOT CONTAIN SENSATIONALIST

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HEADLINES AND THE OTHER DISTORTIONS.

3. UPI CORRESPONDENT ALSO DENIED QUOTING SEMIH AKBIL, AND UPI ARTICLE REPORTED REF A INDICATES THAT ONLY "A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN" WAS CITED. PERHAPS WASHINGTON POST SIMPLY INSERTED AKBIL'S NAME INTO ITS STORY, REPRESENTING ITS BEST GUESS AS TO IDENTITY OF GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN.

4. ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN REPORTED. SEEANKARA 1130, 1142, 1167, 1197 AND 1202. MACOMBER

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